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Title: Method and Apparatus for Communication Network Cluster Formation and  
Transmission of Node Link Status Messages with Reduced Protocol Overhead Traffic

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

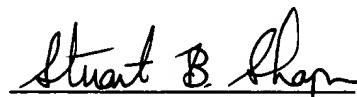
Pursuant to the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 to disclose information which may be material to patentability of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Information Disclosure Citation Form. Copies of the documents listed thereon are enclosed herewith.

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